

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic information retrieval device that is connected to a network, comprising:
a time source;
at least one output device;
a memory storing a web browser, a plurality of time values and ~~storing a~~ corresponding plurality of ~~time-based initialization default values~~ resource locators; and
a processor communicating with said time source, said at least one output device, and said memory;

wherein said processor obtains a current time value from said time source upon initialization of said ~~device when activated from a deactivated state~~ web browser, compares said current time value to said plurality of time values to determine whether a match exists, retrieves ~~a corresponding particular time-based initialization default value~~ a particular resource locator from said ~~plurality of time-based initialization default values~~ memory based on the result of said comparison, and configures the web browser to ~~use~~ uses said particular ~~time-based initialization default value~~ resource locator to retrieve ~~particular information~~ a web page corresponding to the resource locator from ~~a remote server~~ an external device connected to the network, ~~and uses said output device to display the information to a user of the device.~~

2. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein a predetermined time value of said plurality of time values includes a time-of-day value.

3. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein a predetermined time value of said plurality of time values includes a day-of-week value.

4. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein a predetermined time value of said plurality of time values includes a week-of-year value.

5. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein a predetermined time value of said plurality of time values includes a solar time value.

6. (Currently Amended) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, further comprising a user input device and wherein a user input triggers said ~~activation~~ initialization.

7. (Currently Amended) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein said electronic information retrieval device further comprises a power supply and wherein said ~~activation~~ initialization occurs when said power supply first provides electrical power to said electronic device.

8. (Currently Amended) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein said memory stores an initialization use pattern that records (1) a user's actions and (2) time of day information that identifies the time period in which the action occurred.

9. (Currently Amended) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein said plurality of time values and said plurality of ~~time-based-initialization-default values~~ resource locators are user-settable.

10. (Currently Amended) An electronic information retrieval device, comprising:
a time source;
at least one output device;

a memory storing (a) a plurality of time values, (b) a corresponding plurality of time-based initialization default values, and (c) an initialization use pattern that records (1) a user's actions and (2) time of day information that identifies the time period in which the action occurred, wherein at least one of said plurality of time-based initialization default values is learned from said initialization use pattern; and

a processor communicating with said time source, said at least one output device, and said memory;

wherein, upon initialization of the electronic information retrieval device, said processor obtains a current time value from said time source upon initialization of said device, compares said current time value to said plurality of time values, retrieves a corresponding particular time-based initialization default value from said plurality of time-based initialization default values, and uses said particular time-based initialization default value to retrieve particular information for outputting to said output device or to configure the device.

11. (Previously Presented) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 10, further comprising a user input device and wherein a user input triggers said initialization.

12. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 10, wherein said electronic information retrieval device further comprises a power supply and wherein said initialization occurs when said power supply first provides electrical power to said electronic device.

13. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 10, wherein said plurality of time values and said plurality of time-based initialization default values are user-settable.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented default initialization method for an electronic information retrieval device, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a current time value upon initialization of ~~the device or an application running on~~ stored in a memory coupled to the device, wherein the application is a web browser;

comparing said current time value to a plurality of time values;

retrieving a corresponding ~~time-based initialization default value~~ resource locator from a plurality of ~~time-based initialization default values~~ resource locators if said current time value matches a predetermined time value of said plurality of time values; and

configuring the web browser to use ~~using~~ said corresponding ~~time-based initialization default value~~ resource locator to retrieve information stored remotely from the information retrieval device for output to an output device.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said corresponding ~~time-based initialization default value~~ resource locator ~~comprises~~ is a Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

16. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said ~~corresponding time-based initialization default value~~ information is a web page.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim ~~[[14]]~~ 16, wherein said ~~corresponding time-based initialization default value~~ web page includes sports, weather, stock, entertainment, and/or news information.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said plurality of time values and said plurality of ~~time-based initialization default values~~ resource locators are learned by said electronic information retrieval device from an initialization use pattern corresponding to user-selected initialization values.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said initialization of said ~~electronic information retrieval device~~ web browser occurs at a power on.

20. Cancelled

21. (Currently Amended) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein said particular ~~time-based initialization default value~~ resource locator comprises a network address of ~~said server~~ an external device.

22. (Currently Amended) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 21, wherein said particular ~~time-based initialization default value~~ resource locator further comprises an information identifier identifying information stored at said ~~server~~ external device.

23. (Currently Amended) The electronic information retrieval device of claim [[21]] 1, wherein said ~~particular information retrieved from said server~~ comprises a web page includes sports, weather, stock, entertainment, and/or news information.

24. (Currently Amended) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein said particular ~~time-based initialization default value~~ resource locator is a Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

25. (Currently Amended) ~~The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1,~~
~~wherein the device is a~~ A set-top box device for receiving cable television channels and/or
radio channels, comprising:
a time source;
receiving means for receiving the television and/or radio channels;
a memory storing a plurality of time values and a corresponding plurality of channel
identifiers; and

a processor communicating with said time source and said memory;
wherein said processor obtains a current time value from said time source upon
activation of said device, compares said current time value to said plurality of time values to
determine whether a match exists, retrieves a particular channel identifier from said memory
based on the result of said comparison, and automatically tunes the receiving means to the
channel identified by the channel identifier.

26. (Currently Amended) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 25,
wherein the said ~~particular time-based initialization default value identifies a particular cable~~
~~television channel~~ device is a set-top-box.